

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 4 as follows. A marked-up copy of Claim 4 showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Please cancel Claim 6 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

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4. (Amended) An observation optical system comprising:

- an objective lens for forming an image of an object;
- an erect prism for converting the image formed by the objective lens into an erect image;
- an eyepiece lens for observing the erect image converted by the erect prism; and
- an optical member disposed between said objective lens and said erect prism for stabilizing the image to be observed by changing a traveling direction of light from said objective lens;
- a sensor for detecting vibration of said observation optical system; and
- a driver for driving said optical member on the basis of an output of said sensor so as to stabilize the image to be observed by changing the traveling direction of light from said objective lens.

5. (Unamended) An observation optical system according to claim 4, wherein said optical member is disposed on a ray-converging portion.

6. (Cancelled) An observation optical system according to claim 4, further comprising a sensor for detecting vibration of said observation optical system and a driver for driving said optical member on the basis of an output of said sensor so as to stabilize the image to be observed by changing the traveling direction of light from said objective lens.

Please add new claims 7-10 as follows:

--7. (New) An observation optical system comprising:

an optical unit for forming an image of an object, said optical unit converging light of the image of the object;

an erect optical unit for converting the object image formed by said optical unit into an erect image;

an observation optical unit for observing the erect image converted by said erect optical unit; and

an optical member disposed at a position which is ahead of said erect optical unit and at which the light from said optical unit is converged, for stabilizing the image to be observed by changing a traveling direction of light from said optical unit.

8. (New) An observation optical system according to claim 7 further comprising a sensor for detecting vibration of said observation optical system and a driver for driving said optical member on the basis of an output of said sensor so as to stabilize the image to be observed by changing the traveling direction of light from said optical unit.

9. (New) An observation optical system comprising:

an optical unit for forming an image of an object;

an erect optical unit for converting the object image formed by said optical unit into an erect image;

an observation optical unit for observing the erect image converted by said erect optical unit; and

an optical member disposed at a ray-converging position ahead of said erect optical unit, for stabilizing the image to be observed by changing a traveling direction of light from said optical unit.

10. (New) An observation optical system according to claim 9, further comprising a sensor for detecting vibration of said observation optical system and a driver for driving said optical member on the basis of an output of said sensor so as to stabilize the image to be observed by changing the traveling direction of light from said optical unit.--.